

Leggett Seeks Applicants for Forest Conservation Advisory Committee

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill five public member vacancies on the Forest Conservation Advisory Committee. The public members should include landscape architects, arborists and urban foresters, horticulturists and representatives from the nursery industry, persons directly engaged in agriculture, persons directly involved in the building industry, members of citizens groups, members of environmental and conservation organizations, representatives of public utility companies and persons owning forest land of at least two acres.

The Committee is composed of 22 voting members, which includes 16 public members and representatives of the Departments of Economic Development, Environmental Protection, Permitting Services, and Transportation, and representatives of the County Planning Board and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

The Committee must advise the Executive, Council, Planning Board, and other relevant agencies on forestry policy issues; propose proactive forestry policies, laws and guidelines, and submit an annual report on the Committee's functions, activities, accomplishments, plans and objectives. The Committee must also recommend a comprehensive approach to urban forestry; advise on a tree inventory; review and comment on policies and programs related to forestry; promote and seek funding for a sustained forestry program; promote and foster a strong sense of community through urban forestry; communicate with other boards, agencies, and community residents about forestry issues; promote volunteerism; and act as a general information resource.

Members serve three year terms without compensation, but are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. Meetings are held at the call of the Chair but not less than nine times per year in the evenings in Rockville.

Applicants of diverse backgrounds, professions, gender, geography, disability and ethnicity are encouraged to apply. The application process is on line and more information is found here: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/boards/>. If the vacancy announcement is not posted on this website, you can apply by email by sending a **resume** to the County Executive at countyexecutive.boards@montgomerycountymd.gov. Home and employment addresses, as well as contact phone numbers and email addresses should be included. Applicants should indicate the position for which they are applying.

Members of County boards, committees and commissions may not serve on more than one such group at a time. Leggett's appointments are subject to confirmation by the County Council. Applications of those selected for appointment are made public as part of the confirmation process.

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